

SPECIAL RATE TO... ADS. PAGE 3.

THE EVENING TIMES.

THE WEATHER. It will still be unsettled tomorrow.

VOL. 1, NO. 135.

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1905.

ONE CENT.

THE FALL OF MUKDEN. Kuroki Reports That the Russians are in Full Retreat Northward, Hotly Pressed by Japanese Infantry---The Russians Burned Their Supplies---Further Reports of Desperate Fighting In The Awful Ten Days' Battle.

Kuroki Reports That the Russians are in Full Retreat Northward, Hotly Pressed by Japanese Infantry---The Russians Burned Their Supplies---Further Reports of Desperate Fighting In The Awful Ten Days' Battle.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—1.50 p.m.—With the fate of the struggle between General Kurapatkin and Field Marshal Oyama, probably already decided, it is now seven o'clock at night in Mukden and while St. Petersburg is waiting breathlessly for news, ominous silence reigns. No private press despatches, giving news of the battle today, have yet arrived here, and the mere fact that the curtain is rung down, taking a least out of past experiences, is pessimistically interpreted.

Quick Finish Unexpected. Gen. Kuroki's headquarters in the field, March 7.—via Fushan.—(Delayed in transmission).—The tenth day of the Japanese attack finds the battle progressing favorably. Its long duration was expected, and it probably will continue several days more, before it is concluded. The Japanese forces have reached nearly to Mukden, within two miles of the railway, and are bombarding strongly. The Russians everywhere are making a desperate resistance, frequently trying offensive operations, and arranging defensive devices of modern warfare. The fighting resembles, in scope, more than a field battle. The past two nights there has been hard fighting in front and east of Witosa. The Japanese were closely engaged, while the Russian batteries, although the trenches, and star shells were used to illuminate the battlefield.

General Kuroki's Headquarters in the field via Fushan—Morning—The Russians last night, under cover of the darkness, evacuated the whole line along the Shakhe river and are now in full retreat northward. The Japanese infantry is pressing them closely. Before retreating, the Russians set fire to great heaps of supplies: which burned throughout the night. The fall of Mukden appears imminent.

Kuroki Chasing Linevitch. St. Petersburg, March 8.—1.50 p.m.—Tokio despatches announcing that Gen. Kuroki is making progress and had already reached a point fourteen miles south of Fushan yesterday, showing that Lt. Gen. Linevitch, commander of the first Manchurian army, is again giving way, is the latest and worst word which has reached St. Petersburg this morning, regarding the situation at the front.

Reputation at Stake. St. Petersburg, March 8.—Those who still pin their faith to Kurapatkin declare he must have concentrated all his reserves on his right flank and that he has been waiting for the moment when the herculean efforts of the Japanese to crush and envelop that wing will be exhausted in order to launch a blow which will determine whether he is the victor or the vanquished. It is significant that General Dragomirov, Russia's greatest strategist, now an old man, whom the emperor has called upon to act as his military adviser, has openly joined the ranks of Kurapatkin's critics, going to the extent of defending General Gripenburg's course.

Have Caught Two More. Tokyo, March 8.—The British steamers Venus and Olga, from Cardiff, for Vladivostok, have been captured by Japanese warships. Since the war began, the Japanese have taken possession of 32 steamers, carrying contraband of war.

Fear of Riots. Lodi, March 8.—Owing to threats of anti-Semitic disturbances, the authorities have induced M. Pennaschi, a Jew, to withdraw his orders shutting down his mill indefinitely and throwing 6,000 persons out of work. The mill was re-opened yesterday and men returned to work.

BOTH SIDES WILL FIGHT.

The Second Day of the Big New York Subway Strike Shows Little Change--- Much Congestion of Traffic on All Lines.

New York, March 8.—The second day of the strike on the subway and elevated lines began with little change from yesterday's conditions. Trains were running in the subway and there was some improvement shown in the service on the elevated, but the trains carried comparatively few passengers and the greater part of the downtown traffic was handled by the surface lines. The Metropolitan Street Railway Company put every trolley car available into service and did its best to handle the great crowds of business men who were expected to be on the streets for the public to do but to get about as haphazardly during today as they did yesterday. All through the night the Second and Sixth Avenue branches of the elevated were tied up almost completely and the run-up of the Third Avenue elevated was irregular. The Sixth Avenue line, however, made a good record and the subway ran trains with considerable regularity.

THE NEWS OF FREDERICTON.

Funeral of Andrew Lipsitt --- Government in Session --- St. John Case.

Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—(Special)—In chambers this morning Judge Wilson delivered judgment in the case of Donald Fraser & Son vs. John A. Humble, granting the application of the defendant for a new trial on payment of costs within ten days and accepting notice for a trial at the March term of the court. The case for the defence in the equity suit of Peters vs. Agricultural Society No. 34, was up this morning. The last witnesses examined were the plaintiff and F. S. White of St. John. Mr. Allen, K. C., for the defendants asked to have the bill dismissed but the court declined to grant the request. A. D. Thomas, a member of the executive, and W. S. Hooper, secretary of the Agricultural Society, testified for the defence this afternoon. The case will be finished this afternoon.

U. N. B. TEAM HERE.

The members of the U. N. B. hockey team arrived on the noon train today. They will play the Neptunes tonight at the Queen's rink. The line-up will be as follows:—H. L. Lammy, goal; F. Street, point. A. W. Gregory, Cover point; R. M. Winslow, centre; P. Robinson, rover; R. M. Maxey, right wing; W. E. Triver, left wing.

LENT OBSERVANCES.

During Lent, masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral every morning at 7 and 9 o'clock, and rosary and a short service every evening at 5 o'clock except Saturday. The Toronto

CONCERNING RAILWAY ACT.

Members Ask That the Amended Provisions Shall Apply Only to New Companies.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Special)—Mr. Zimmerman, M. P. of Hamilton, introduced a delegation today to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, H. B. Emerson, in the premier's office, asking that the amendments to the railway act of last session, which provide for the issue of commercialism in their construction, should have a majority of their directors British subjects should not be made retroactive. They want that the law should be applicable only to new companies. The delegation comprised Mr. Helmuth of London; Mr. Carleton, M. P. of Hamilton; Mr. D. P. P. of Ottawa; and Mr. G. M. of Ottawa. The premier said that he would look into the matter.

MURPHY WORSE THAN CROKER.

His Crowd Makes Millions by Its "Influence"--- What New York Citizens' League Is Up Against This Spring.

New York, March 7.—Leaders of the Citizens' League, in view of recent developments, is likely to be conducted on the issue which Richard Croker, made in 1891, when he calmly asserted on the witness stand, "I am working for my pocket all the time." The issue of commercialism in politics, thus tersely described, has been brought to the front again by the million-dollar, and promise to make the Murphy brothers very rich men—even as rich men as in New York—other corporations, using the city's police, gas and other issues, have been dwarfed by this great get-rich-quick issue.

RAILWAY MEN KILLED.

Rochester, N. H., March 8.—Dayton H. Jenness, a brakeman, met a terrible death and Walter Hagg, a fireman, was fatally injured in a collision in the lower Boston & Maine R. R. yard here today. A freight train running at high speed struck a locomotive pushing a mixed train which had just been made up. Both engines were smashed. Brakeman Jenness of the freight was pinned by one leg between the locomotive and the tender and escaping steam scalded him to death. Fireman Hagg also died of the freight train was scalded so badly that he cannot live. No one else was injured.

THE NIGHT EXPRESSES.

The travelling public is getting anxious to learn when Nos. 9 and 10 trains, night expresses, between St. John and Halifax, are to resume running. At headquarters here, nothing definite is known. These trains were taken off some days ago. The reason ascribed, was on account of the storms, interfering with the Sydney connections, and also to give the road a few more engines with which to handle the other trains. Now that the road is in thorough working order, the question is when will these trains be restored?

WINTER PORT NOTES.

The C. P. R. steamer, Lake Erie, is now due from Liverpool. No word of her has been received, up to going to press. She has on board, 700 passengers. Allan Line steamer, Ionian, from Liverpool, for this port, sailed last Friday, with a large passenger list. C. P. R. steamer, Lake Manitoba, left Liverpool, yesterday, with 95 cabin, 122 second cabin, and 664 stowage. Rev. W. H. Robinson of Margville was in the city yesterday to attend a meeting of the Baptist foreign mission board. He returned home this morning.

COMMERCIAL ITEM.

There was a slump on Prince William street this afternoon.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

When the new reporter arrived at the "Times" office, this morning, a case of wild disorder met his eyes. The editor sat in his editorial chair with a hopeless expression on his face, like a man on whom sentence of death had been passed. The city editor was on his knees pawing wildly through a big book, muttering answers for questions like that. "That's easy," said the new reporter.

CLIMATIC ITEM.

Word comes from British Columbia that frogs were croaking on Feb. 22, and trees beginning to bud, while the close of the month found coast mountains nearly clear of snow, and spring flowers—crocuses, violets, primroses, and snowdrops—in bloom. In the Territories and Manitoba, the prairies are now bare of snow, poplar buds are bursting, pansies are in bloom in gardens, and sap is running in soft maple, and the gophers have appeared.

EARLY CLOSING.

Montreal, Mar. 8.—(Special)—In accordance with the by-law recently passed by the city council, commencing to-day all stores with the exception of saloons and tobacconists will be closed at 7 o'clock every Wednesday and Friday nights in future. Small tradesmen are making a strenuous kick against the new law, a violation of which will mean a fine.

A MINING DISASTER.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 8.—By the breaking of a cable in the Shrewsbury coal mine near Carleton today four miners were killed and ten others seriously hurt. Four of the injured will probably die. L. Higgins of Moncton arrived in the city this morning on the Atlantic Express.

The Times New Reporter.

After last night's storm the great need of snow is not so keenly felt. No doubt we shall have good sleighing in a few days now. At the regular meeting of the Ilen Club, last evening Mr. Peter Binks read an interesting paper on hydrants as winter ornaments. The time had passed, he said, when they could be regarded as of any practical service in case of fire.